

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A tensioner lever comprising:
an elongated slide rail for sliding engagement with a traveling, endless, flexible, transmission medium extending along the direction of elongation of the slide rail; and
a rail support extending along the direction of elongation of the slide rail and supporting the slide rail;
wherein said rail support has a pivoting hole for mounting on a pivot shaft extending from an engine block, said pivoting hole having an inner circumferential surface, and a boss portion surrounding said pivoting hole, said boss portion having a seating surface for engagement with an engine block;
wherein the slide rail and rail support are integrally formed of a high-strength first polymer resin;
wherein the elongated slide rail and the rail support, including said inner circumferential surface of the pivoting hole and said seating surface of the boss portion, are entirely covered by a covering composed of a wear-resistant second polymer resin; and
wherein the slide rail, said rail support, and said covering are sandwich molded.

2. A tensioner lever according to claim 1, in which said high-strength first polymer resin is a glass fiber-reinforced polyamide 66 resin.

3. A tensioner lever according to claim 1, in which said wear-resistant second polymer resin is a polyamide 66 resin or a polyamide 46 resin.

4. A tensioner lever according to claim 1, in which said high-strength first polymer resin is a glass fiber-reinforced polyamide 66 resin, and said wear-resistant second polymer resin is a polyamide 66 resin or a polyamide 46 resin.